

## *REMARKS*

Applicant notes with all due appreciation that prosecution on the merits is closed and that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. These are addressed in this paper. Following is applicant's response to the numbered sections of the Office communication using the same numbering:

1. Approval of the proposed drawing correction is noted. A corrected drawing is included with this amendment. This is the sheet bearing Figures 5A – 5D
2. The examiners entering of applicant's election of species without traverse is noted.
3. The following formal matters have been addressed as noted:
  - i. In the drawings, the examiner objected to reference character "112" being improperly used to designate both "ears" and "shackle". . In Figure 6 applicant requests permission from the examiner to alter the drawing by deleting the redundant "112" referencing improperly the shackle. This "112" is shown crossed out in red on one sheet submitted herewith. A corrected sheet with that change is submitted also. So that the text will agree with the drawing, applicant, by amendment above, has in line 13 of the insert previously added to page 5 of the specification deleted "112" and replaced it with "114". The as-filed figure 6 is antecedent basis for this correction of the text"
  - ii. The disclosure was objected to:

- in line 2 of the insert added to page 3 of the specification because “warp” should be –wrap–. This mistype was corrected by amendment above;
- in the insert added to page 5 of the specification, reference numeral “112” was used to designate both “ears” and “shackle”. This has been corrected by amendment above and Figure 6 has been conformed with permission to delete the redundant number requested above;
- On pages 4 and 5 of the specification reference numeral “102” was used to designate a “handle: but in the drawings and the insert to page 5 of the specification this was shown and referred to respectively as a “collar”. By amendment above each instance of “handle” is designated “28” to agree with the specification and the drawings wherein the collar is designated “102”;
- On page 5 of the specification reference numeral “17” was improperly used to designate both “fish plates” and a “car”. By amendment above, on page 4 line 29, “17” was deleted and replaced with “21”. This correction is in agreement with Figures 1 and 7 showing fish plate 21 and Figure 2 showing the car designated as “17”.

iii The amendment filed 3/12/03 was objected to for new matter by reciting that the shackle is used for lifting operations including boat engines. All reference to this use has been cancelled by amendment above wherein the offending sentence is deleted.

iv Claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, and 13-14 are objected to because of informalities:

in claim 1, line 4 "palette" should be ~~-pallet-~~, "adaptation" should be ~~-accessory-~~, and line 12, "in general parallelity" should be ~~-generally parallel-~~; and in claim 7, line 1, "olug" should be ~~-plug-~~. By amendment above these needed corrections have been made.

Applicant notes that the drawings are informal. Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowability, formal drawings will be submitted to the Official Draftsperson within the period set for reply.

Further, the applicant by this amendment and these remarks respectfully believes that all the objections raised by the examiner have been met by the corrections made. It is respectfully requested that this application be passed to allowance in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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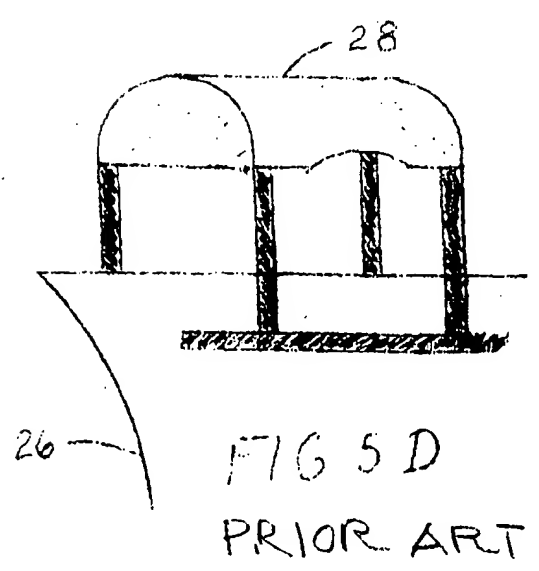
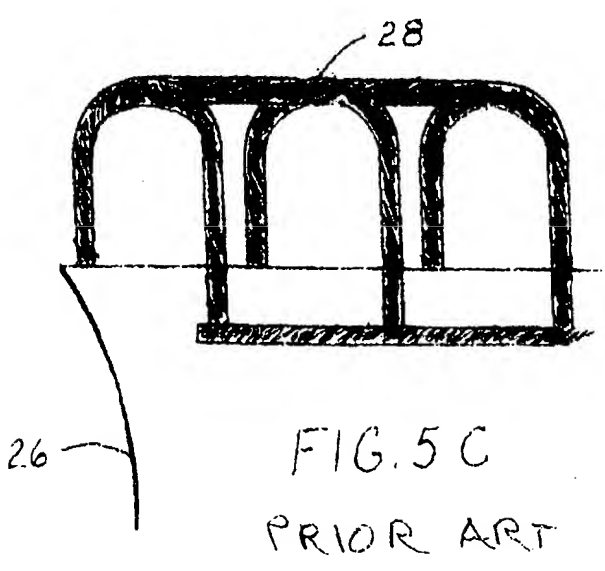
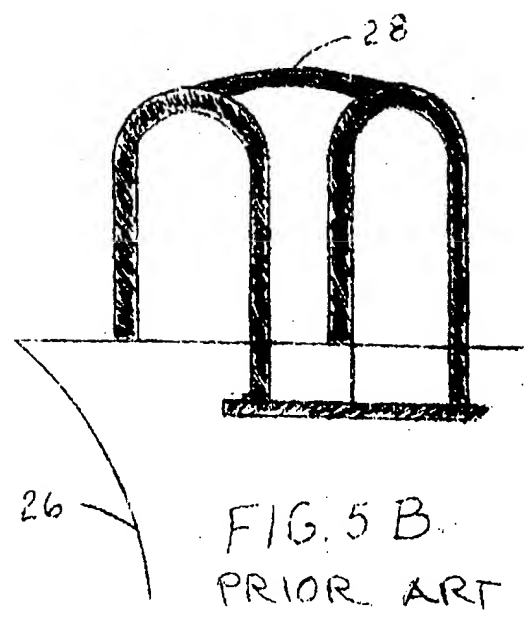
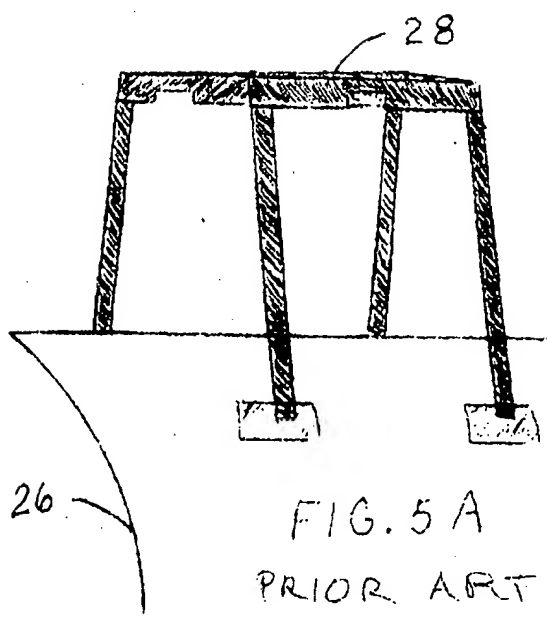
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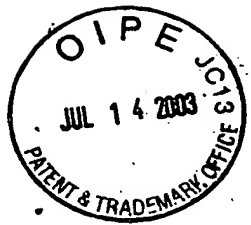
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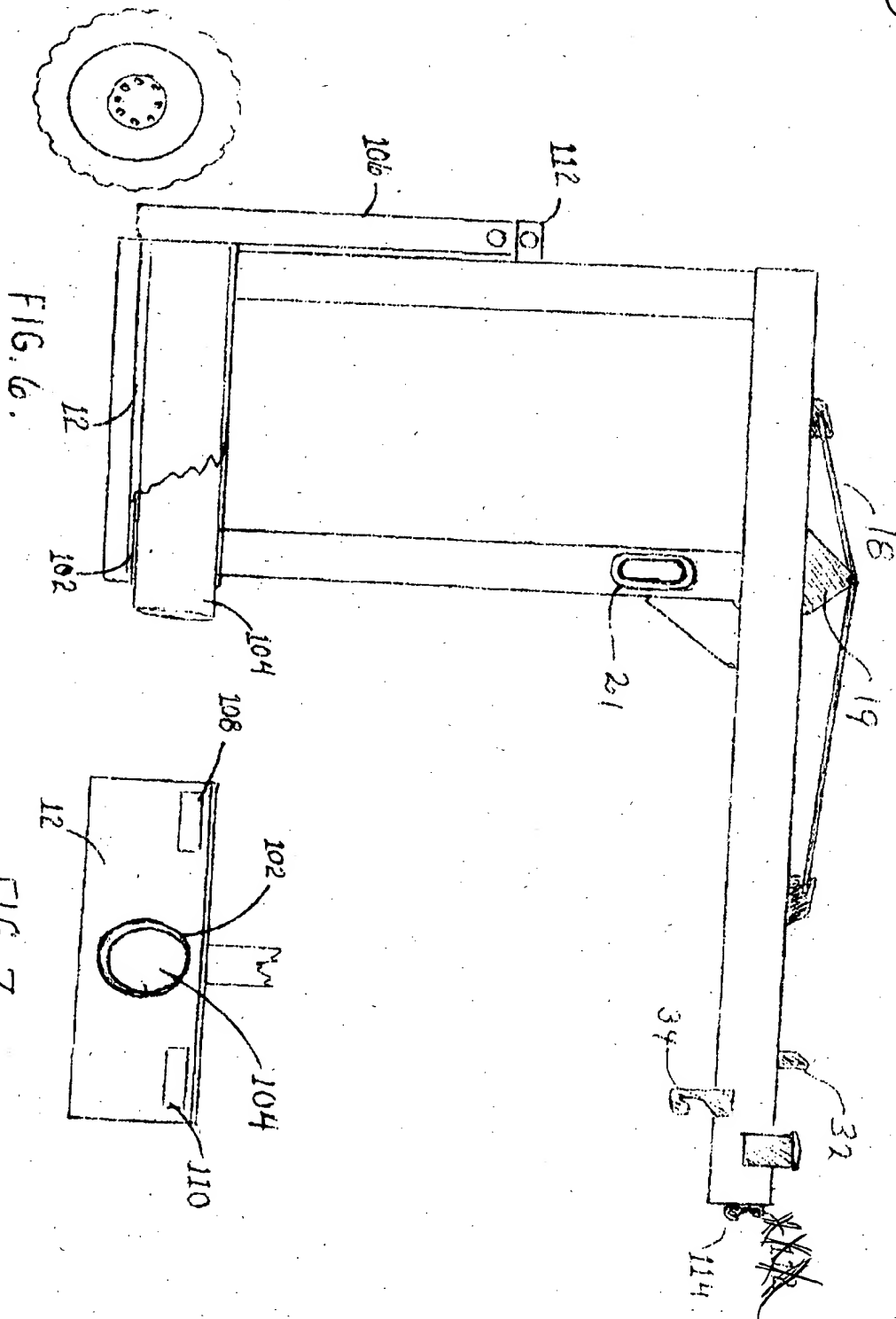
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